

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Group Art Unit: 1624  
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Cambridge, Massachusetts

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in reply to the August 23, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have submitted herewith a request for a two-month extension of time. A response to this Office Action is due, therefore, on or before January 23, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Claim amendments begin at page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin at page 5 of this Reply.